

## Section 2 Notetaking Study Guide

**Question to Think About** As you read Section 2 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **What were the characteristics of colonial society?**

► Use this chart to record key information from the section. Some information has been filled in to get you started.

Colonial Society	
<p><b>I. The Family in Colonial Times</b></p> <p>Most colonists lived on <u>farms</u>.</p> <p>Homes were far apart, so families needed to be _____.</p> <p>It was easier for _____ to support themselves in towns than on farms.</p> <p><b>II. Men, Women, and Children</b></p> <p>The key roles that men had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>fulfill home duties</u></li> <li>• _____</li> <li>• _____</li> </ul> <p>The key roles that women had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>childcare</u></li> <li>• Domestic responsibilities: _____</li> <li>• Outdoor responsibilities: _____</li> </ul> <p>The key roles that children had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Until about the age of seven, children _____.</li> <li>• By the age of seven, children _____.</li> <li>• An apprentice was _____.</li> </ul>	<p><b>III. Social Classes</b></p> <p>Social class in England was very rigid.</p> <p>People could not easily <u>move from a lower class to a higher class</u>.</p> <p><b>Classes in Colonial America</b></p> <p><b>The Gentry</b></p> <p>The gentry were the <u>upper</u> class of colonial society.</p> <p>People in this class included _____.</p> <p><b>The Middle Class</b></p> <p>This class included the great <u>majority</u> of colonists.</p> <p>People in this class included _____.</p> <p>The poor could become part of this class by _____.</p> <p><b>Indentured Servants</b></p> <p>An indentured servant signed a _____ agreeing to <u>work for someone for 4 to 10 years</u> in exchange for _____. When the contract was over, the signer was _____.</p> <p><b>Free African Americans</b></p> <p>Free African Americans could own _____. They could not _____ or _____.</p>

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 4 Focus Question on page 60.